

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

February 2, 2022

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sinema:

Thank you for your January 10, 2022, letter asking EPA to give a full and fair consideration to a "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) roundtable proposal submitted by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

Thank you for your interest in EPA's regional roundtables. The intent of the roundtables is to deepen our understanding of the regional aspects of WOTUS through facilitated discussions representing diverse perspectives. These discussions will enable stakeholders with a range of perspectives to discuss their implementation experiences with WOTUS, including challenges and opportunities to provide greater clarity within their geographic areas.

Thank you for your recommendation. We are currently evaluating all roundtable nominations received and will be making selections soon. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact William Niebling in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at niebling.william@epa.gov or (202) 564-5200.

Sincerely,

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